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1. CONSULATE GENERAL DHAHRAN REPORTS THAT USS DUPONT HAS JUST COMPLET  
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A WELL-RECEIVED VISIT TO DAMMAM FEB 13-15, IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT  
PORT DIRECTOR VOLUNTEERED THAT EVEN LONGER VISIT WOULD NOT CAUSE

DIFFICULTY WITH REGARD TO PIER SPACE, SINCE -- APART FROM CEMENT CARRYING SHIPS -- PORT NOW PROVIDES IMMEDIATE BERTHING FOR ALL.

2. CONSULATE GENERAL NOTED VERY RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE OF NUMEROUS EASTERN PROVINCE OFFICIALS (EP) CONCERNING THE DUPONT. THE VISITORS INCLUDED EP GOVERNOR, PRINCE ABDUL MUHSIN BIN JILUWI, EP AREA MILITARY COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL AL-BOORY; ACTING ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL (RSNF) COMMANDER BADR AL SALEH, AND ALL OF SENIOR OFFICERS OF DAMMAM PORT. THE VISITORS SEEMED IMPRESSED BY REPORTS FROM THE DUPONT'S COMMANDING OFFICER OF PERFORMANCE OF 14 RSNF ENLISTED MEN AND OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED A SIX WEEK OJT CRUISE IN THE USN DESTROYER. THE ACTING COMMANDER OF THE RSNF WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONEL FROM THE SHIP OR FROM BAHRAIN AUGMENTING USMTM NAVY SECTION PERSONNEL AND PROVIDING SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION AT RSNF INTERIM REPAIR FACILITY AND INTERIM TRAINING CENTER TO BE OPENED SOON IN DAMMAM. THE DUPONT COMMANDER RESPONDED POSITIVELY, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE REPAIR FACILITY. NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT ONE USN OFFICER RECEIVED COMMENT FROM ONE RSNF OFFICER THAT MUCH OF THE ELECTRONIC AND RELATED GEAR ON DUPONT WAS 20-YEARS OLD AND, CONSEQUENTLY, OUT OF DATE. SAUDI COMMENT SUGGESTS THAT IF MEANINGFUL TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS ARE TO BE PART OF USN SHIP VISITS IN GULF, MORE MODERN SHIPS NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN MIDEASTFOR IF VISITS ARE TO BE VALUED AND, THEREFORE, WELL RECEIVED BY THEIR NAVAL HOSTS ON CONTINUING BASIS.

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